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The Student – Orientation (pages 14-31)

1. Identify three major events in Mitch’s life since he last saw Morrie.
2. \*How does Mitch’s life change after his uncle dies? Why do you think he  makes these changes?
3. How does Mitch learn about Morrie’s illness?
4. Describe Morrie’s physical and mental condition the first time Ted Koppel  interviews him.
5. \*How does Morrie initially react to Koppel? Why do you think he does so?
6. \*Quote one of Morrie’s aphorisms and explain what you think it means  (page 18).
7. \*During Koppel’s interview, how does Morrie explain his philosophy about  living with a terminal illness? What does he most dread about the decay  of his body? Why do you think this especially bothers him?
8. Explain how Morrie and Mitch react to each other when they first meet at Brandeis University. What does Mitch begin to call Morrie? What are Mitch’s two overwhelming desires during his acquaintance with Morrie at  Brandeis?
9. \*”What is Mitch doing when he first arrives at Morrie’s house after seeing  him on “Nightline”? What do you think this reveals about Mitch?

10.How does Morrie react to Mitch’s first visit? How does Morrie introduce the “last class” he will ever have with Mitch?